

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 657
By Head

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach John Miller, Jr. and the 1997 Clarksville Academy football team, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 1-A Clinic Bowl participants.

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee is very proud of our athletic teams which work hard, display unrelenting determination, play adroitly, and succeed; and

WHEREAS, the excellent 1997 Clarksville Academy football team, which recently climaxed an outstanding season by finishing as the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 1-A Clinic Bowl runner-up, has adroitly carved a permanent spot of honor for themselves in their school's athletic history; and

WHEREAS, Clarksville Academy completed their notable regular season schedule with an 8-2 record, beating Stewart County 42-0, Nashville Christian 35-6, Jo Byrnes 28-0, Ezell-Harding 30-14, Tennessee Preparatory School 44-0, Montgomery Central 43-13, McEwen 24-6, and East Robertson 39-14; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team won their second consecutive Region 5 championship; and

WHEREAS, making their fifth straight Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association state playoff appearance in 1997, the Cougars pounced on Forrest 28-0, Wayne County 10-0,

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Moore County 34-13 and University School of Jackson 27-26, thus becoming the first Clarksville team ever to reach the Clinic Bowl state championship game; and

WHEREAS, during their memorable season, Clarksville Academy was ranked as the number two Class 1-A team in the state; and

WHEREAS, they compiled an impressive 12-3 overall record, a winning percentage of .800; and

WHEREAS, the Cougars' powerful offense scored 421 points in 1997, an average of 28.07 per game, and their stingy defense gave up 183 total points, an average of just 12 paltry points per game; and

WHEREAS, under the brilliant guidance of highly respected and regarded Head Coach John Miller, Jr. and the able leadership of Assistant Coaches Robert Burchett, Dan Burden, Ray Busey, and Johnny Miller, the team learned how to be winners on the gridiron and in life; and

WHEREAS, seven Clarksville Academy players were selected as members of the Associated Press Class 1-A All-State football team; 15 players were chosen as members of the All-Region 5 1-A team and 9 players were *Clarksville Leaf Chronicle* All-Area team honorees; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 1997 Clarksville Academy football team were: seniors, Brad Hallums, Danny Kroeger, Michael Cox, Graham Cole, John Baumgartner, Jace Rogers, and Sean Loving; juniors, Marcus Simons, J. R. Hand, Kris Stowe, Ed Roberts, Noel Price, Adam McGough, Wesley Cheek, and Ben Carter; sophomores, Asa Stone, Brian Gilpin, Jared Hefley, and Bryan Krass; freshmen, William Stone, Seth Burkhart, Ryan Suiter, Michael Cashin, Glenn Foust, Charlton Boyd, Michael Chambers, Caleb Newell, Chris Hinson, and Justus Vairin; and eighth-grader Jeremiah Livingston; and

WHEREAS, the diligent and dedicated support staff included managers B. J. Burchett and Terance Simons and statistician David Carrigan; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend this great team on their many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach John Miller, Jr. and the 1997 Clarksville Academy football team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.